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	Christina Woody Mercier	)
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For:	AUTOMATED CREATION OF DATA PATHS IN STORAGE AREA NETWORKS	)
Confirmation No.:	2281	)
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Examiner:	Jude Jean Gilles	)

WRITTEN REQUEST FOR STATUS UPDATE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Please provide us with an update regarding the status of the above-identified patent application.

It has been almost 6 months since the Applicants originally submitted a response to the most recent Office Action and have not yet received a formal response. The Applicants submitted a formal response on February 8, 2006 via Express Mail to a November 8, 2005 Office Action within the three month shortened statutory period. The response did not, however, make it into the Patent Office file. The same response was again submitted on April 27, 2006 via facsimile and this submission also did not find its way into the file wrapper. The same response

was again submitted a third time on May 16, 2006 electronically and is shown as having made its way in the file for consideration according to Private PAIR. As discussed in the second and third submissions, no extension fee is required or reduction in patent term should be applied for submission of the responses because the Amendment of February 8 was submitted to the USPTO within the three month shortened statutory period and any delay was not the fault of the Applicant.

It has been almost six months since the original submission of our response and over two months since the most recent resubmission. The Applicants request a status update as the examination progress of the patent application.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Respectfully submitted,

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